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Decision time for lowans

Caucus special edition

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Student helps KerryBy NICK PETAROS
Sports Editor

Tonight America's eyes will be on Iowa, where Wartburg College students will join fellow Iowans by taking part in the Iowa Caucus, the nation's first step toward presidential nominations. All Wartburg students 18 years and older by Nov. 2, 2004, are eligible to attend the caucus and can register on site.

This year students living in Clinton, Founders, The Complex, The Residence and Grossmann halls are part of Waverly's Ward 3 Democratic Caucus, which will be on campus in the St. Elizabeth and Heritage ballrooms.

Wartburg students living in the Manors or Knights

Village will meet at the Eichorn Haus in Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community as part the Democratic Ward 5.

"It's great to have the caucuses at the college," Ward 3 temporary chair Mary Ann Ahrens said. "This will get young people involved, which is important because the future revolves around them. However, I am concerned about getting older and disabled people in the ward to turn out."

Those planning to attend the Republican caucus from all wards in Waverly will meet at Waverly-Shell Rock High School. Both caucuses will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and participants are encouraged to arrive early to complete the registration procedure.

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Vice president, 61, led life of service to church

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

Vernon Truesdale, vice president for business and finance and treasurer at Wartburg since 2002, died at his Waverly home Dec. 19 of melanoma. He was 61.

Truesdale, a 1967 Wartburg graduate, also worked as an admissions counselor and as associate director of admissions at Wartburg from 1967 to 1970 and then as registrar until 1976.

He will be remembered as creative, dedicated, friendly, energetic and above all, a loving husband and father. His career was devoted to the administration of institutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and its predecessor organizations.

In 1970 he married Dr. Barbara Beckmann, now Barbara Truesdale, an English instructor at Wartburg.

"I came to Wartburg to teach 35 years ago, and he was associate director of admissions at that time," Barbara said. "We both loved Wartburg at the time, and we still do."

Truesdale left to work for the church and followed that with award-winning work for Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Truesdale returned to Wartburg in 2002. He was instrumental in securing bonding for the renovation and expansion of Wartburg's Student Center and Science Center.

Truesdale also helped the ballroom dance club at Wartburg, showing them different types of steps that he and his wife had learned through dance lessons over the years.

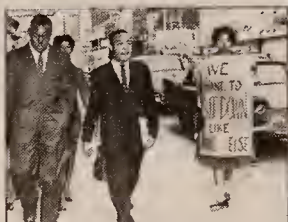
Truesdale's melanoma was recognized last spring, and he worked through part of Fall Term. In late October, retired college historian and former vice president for business and finance, Ron Matthias, temporarily assumed Truesdale's responsibilities.

"He was very astute and precise; he did all of those things very well, but I would still say that his greatness was really as a human being," Matthias said.

See expanded story at www.wartburg.edu/trumpet/

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1960



The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is arrested and taken to jail through a picket line in front of an Atlanta department store, where people staged a sit-in demonstration Oct. 20, 1960.

1964



King looks at the glass door of his rented beach cottage in St. Augustine, Fla., that was shot into June 5, 1964.

1965



A Marion, Ala., church audience applauds King Feb. 2, 1965.
Photos: Associated Press

Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968

The dream lives on

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

-Martin Luther King Jr.



MLK week events

Monday

2 p.m. - Chapel service

2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Service projects

2:45 - Diversity training

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation: Carl Raye presents a one-man, two-act play chronicling his experiences growing up in Alabama.
7:30 p.m. - Panel discussion: "Is Affirmative Action Necessary?"; St. Elizabeth Ballroom

Wednesday

11 p.m. - Jazz Fest
Coffeehouse, Centennial Lounge.

Volunteers continue King's dream

By ABBIE LICHTY
Staff Writer

Although Martin Luther King Jr.'s 75th birthday was observed Thursday, most Americans, including Wartburg students and staff, will honor this great American leader today.

Many activities, presentations and service projects are scheduled honoring the late King, his accomplishments and all aspects of civil rights.

Today marks the beginning of a three-day long awareness and celebration. At 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., race dialogues will take place in the Heritage and St. Elizabeth rooms in the Student Center.

According to senior Nicole

Schmidt, president of Students for Peace and Justice, the goal of the dialogues is to evoke questions and discussion about the topics at hand.

"The point of the experience will not be for us to give information but to provide an environment conducive for discussion about race issues," Schmidt said. "There are numerous instances of discrimination that are being ignored, and that simply cannot happen in the world that we should all want to live in."

Following the discussion at 2 p.m. will be a special chapel service. Numerous service projects begin at 2:30 and include such places as the Cedar Bend Humane Society, Northeast Iowa Food Bank and the Cedar

Falls Lutheran home.

To conclude the days' activities, a Jazz fest coffeehouse is planned for 11 p.m. Wednesday in the Centennial lounge.

While a plethora of activities is scheduled, one student hopes that Dr. King's message will be remembered throughout the day's commemorations.

"MLKJ is a crucial person in American history, seeing that he was the forefront of the Civil Rights movement," said junior Quinton Clay and speaker at today's chapel service. "He represents that unselfish population we honor, that sacrificed themselves for the people of this country."

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Be outgoing for \$2.38

By DAVID WAYNE HILL
Columnist

Last fall, in an effort to become more intertwined in the fabric, I decided to sign up for a meal plan. During the previous year I heard my classmates complain about the food service, the food choices and how bad the food tasted at times. My few experiences with food service had been limited to the isolated times I had eaten in the now extinct caf. Those experiences had not been unpleasant, so I was up to the challenge. I felt also in my role as an ambassador it would serve me well to experience the life of a meal plan. Of course, the final reason—what a great way to meet my fellow students.

This all led me to stroll into the new food service office on a late August afternoon to sign up for a meal plan. It was then my first surprise hit me. When I told them I was a commuter, they explained a different array of plans. This sort of alarmed me that commuters had to live under different standards. Of course the rights advocate part of me perked up, but I quickly quelled that by reminding myself the purpose of getting a meal plan originally.

I chose a pick-5 plan that would

allow me to eat lunch every day and meet many people. Of course every battle has a price and it didn't take long to figure out this price. The moment that food service informed me that commuter meal plans had limitations, I felt like a second-class citizen. I still moved on and decided to persevere. It is probably best to explain what happens with commuter meal plans. Commuters can purchase meal plans of the same meal amounts as the board students with a few differences. No commuter meal plans have points attached to them, and all meals are charged at the dinner rate. So let's do the math. For a mere \$545 a commuter can purchase 5 meals for fifteen weeks. So one can get 75 meals roughly for \$7.27 per meal. By comparison, if I were to walk up at lunch time and use my all-campus account, the single meal would cost \$4.95. That means for every meal I had in that fall term, I paid an extra \$2.38. It was great to give the college a \$178.50 donation for my 75 meals.

So where does this all lead us? I know that commuters make up a small percent of our population, but I feel they are not the only students being subjected to injustices. For example the residents of Knights Village also must submit and buy at least a pick-5 and only get \$50 in points. All food service policies are questionable at best. If the goal is to punish and discriminate certain parts of our student population, it has been accomplished.



I now challenge the student population to rise up against "the evil empire" and make their voices heard. Hopefully, the Student Senate will soon form a committee to look at possible recommendations regarding food service and this is an opportunity for students to give input either through their senators or by directly being involved in the process. I know as the non-traditional / commuter senator, I owe it to my constituents to fight this battle.

So once again dare to be different, fight injustice at every turn and stand up not only for ourselves but future Knights. As for myself, I in right conscience could not make another contribution to

the college this term and have reverted to eating most of my meals at the Walkway or Konditorei with an occasional trip to the Mensa. Of course this has a price. I don't get the full meal that the Mensa offers, and I lose the opportunity to interact and meet fellow students.

Lastly, I call out to you one last time and speak up because we all know a revamping or reorganization of food service is not only necessary but also in the best interest of the students, the lifeline of Wartburg College.

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Open to conservative views

By JEREMY PEDERSEN
Columnist

Ponder this word: conservative. On many college campuses today, many would think of conservatives as arrogant, close-minded or even racist. Even the label "preserving the status quo" implies closed-mindedness and is therefore an anathema to higher education. However, such stereotypes distort what many conservatives believe.

When someone like me talks about being a conservative, he or she does not necessarily mean being close-minded to change. Instead, many conservatives want to preserve natural law.

Natural law, as defined by Oxford American Dictionary, is the "unchanging moral principles common to all people by virtue of their nature as human beings." One can see an example of natural law by looking at how our own Constitution formed.

While seemingly radical ideas were in our Constitution, such ideas like equality and democracy were mentioned by other traditions like English common law, Judeo-Christian laws, laws from ancient philosophers like Aristotle, Plato and Socrates, and in ancient Roman laws.

As a conservative, I believe that we need to carefully examine such traditional sources like these and the Constitution before we do some polit-

ically correct fad of the moment.

Another important reason why conservatives like me despise change is a conservative's rejection of the principle called "perfectibility." Perfectibility could be defined as the ability of humans to make the world perfect through laws and justice. As a conservative, I feel that this principle is fundamentally flawed because humans are the cause of such injustice in the first place.

Now, this does not mean that conservatives do not believe in such noble concepts like equality. Instead, conservatives like me would frown upon the methods in accomplishing such ideals. Instead of going on some politically correct ideal of the moment, I would prefer that we base such changes on a careful examination of natural law. For example, I would advocate social equality because equality is an important part of the laws of many traditions. However, I believe natural law does not say that anyone should receive a greater share because of an unchangeable characteristic, and because of that, I look upon programs like affirmative action with suspicion. Such good intentioned programs can too easily be corrupted by humans.

This importance in natural law can explain how conservatives look upon

socialist programs with scorn. It is not because of big business or other stereotypical labeling, as many conservatives are concerned with the morality of society. Instead, conservatives look upon social justice programs with suspicion because they feel such programs can too easily become corrupted by some politically

correct fad of the moment, and such passions could do more harm than good to society. Instead, a careful examination of natural law will enable society to change with the times while keeping society from descending into chaos.

On today's college campuses, many seem to think that change is always a good thing, and tradition should always be frowned upon. This approach is fundamentally flawed because many times change can do more harm than good.

Now, I am not advocating absolutely no change in society. However, I feel we should base any change in society on prudent evaluation of natural law and not some political fad of the moment.

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Editor's note: This is a new section that allows readers to submit an anonymous opinion in two sentences or less. Send submissions to "Blow Your Horn" to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

■ Thanks to the people who left broken beer bottles on the campus near Founders Jan. 10. They really help make the college beautiful.

■ We need new milk machines. The temperature gauges always seem off. I want milk at one temperature!

■ Fix the heat in the Complex. It's either really hot or sub-arctic temperatures!

■ Thanks for the cherry nut ice cream in the Caf.

■ Pick up your stuff from the library computers. Chew juice and pop bottles gross me out.

■ Thanks to the international club for a great party Friday.

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So they caught Saddam...

By PAUL FORSYTH
Columnist

So they caught Saddam Hussein. Good for them. But I think they should have waited. They should have made sure he was there and then just waited nearby so he couldn't get away.



Wait for what you ask? If they had planned this right, they would have waited for the opportunity to catch Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein at the same moment, preferably during prime time. It would have made a great contest, like a race. Red team versus blue team—similar to the final event on American Gladiators.

Fox Television was on the forefront of great TV with American Gladiators. Rupert Murdoch must be slipping in his old age. He's missing a great opportunity here. For one thing, the event could be aired simultaneously on Fox's network channel and its news channel with only slightly differing coverage.

But all this is just a preliminary—an appetizer if you will. We hit the American

public with the real action a few months later.

Some of you are no doubt familiar with The Simple Life, which features two spoiled rich girls that I've never heard of pretending to do farm work. Therein lies the gold mine.

The important part is not the spoiled rich girls. The important part is not the farm, although it is my firm belief that most of the shows on the TV would benefit greatly from a cow or two in every other episode. The important part is the fish out of water scheme.

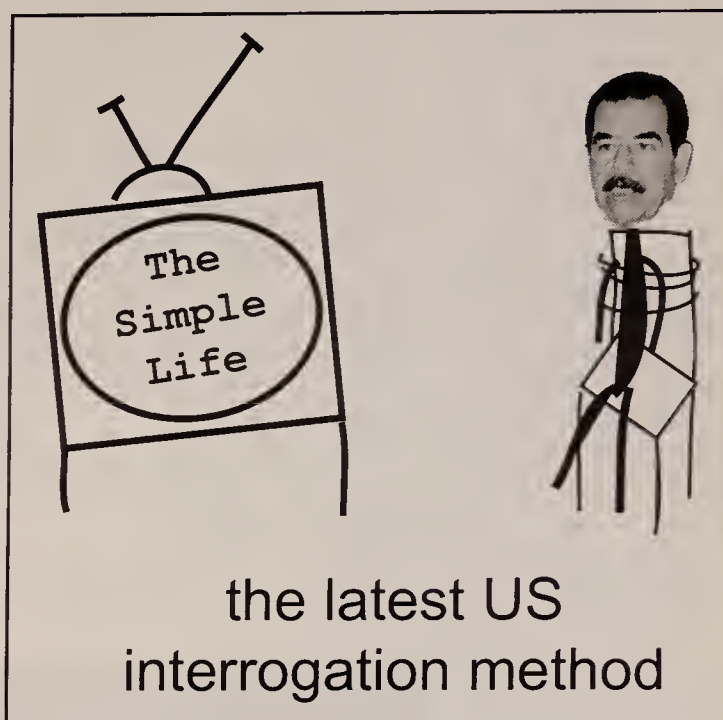
We can call it Saddam and Osama Do America. We'll take them around the U.S. and film them doing as many absurdly American things as we can fit into 13 episodes. We'll feed them macaroni and cheese. We'll set them loose at American Eagle with Mom's credit card. We'll get them drunk while they watch the Super Bowl. We'll make them laugh at the commercials. I'm sure they can already hold their own complaining about the president. In one episode, we could take them out bowling. If necessary, we'll even inflate the gutter bumpers. Higher scores mean higher ratings.

We'll have everything the American public wants—two global celebrity villains, "reality," and someone we can count on to appear more pathetic than we do.

This will be huge overseas as well. Here's why: Osama and his posse already love American culture and the way it's graciously thrust across borders. The one thing missing? Characters they can relate to. As we all know, the entire world wants nothing more than to be American. Now, everyone will be able to vicariously live out that dream through these two great television pioneers.

This show will last ten seasons, minimum. Or at least until the military tribunal.

But if things go according to my plan, we'll air that, too. The possibilities here are nearly endless—celebrity judges, audi-



ence call-in vote for the verdict, and they'll have to take on Nitro in the Joust. I'm even working on a deal to have this cow I know play the bailiff.

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Read the news no matter where you are



By JUSTIN KADER
Columnist

I was going to write a column about politics, but then I remembered an e-mail from the editor at the beginning of the semester. Along with a schedule, it included a reminder to columnists to stick to topics pertaining to Wartburg.

If any of you readers are familiar with me, you will know that my columns' subject matter tends to be a bit broader geographically than 100 Wartburg Blvd. However, this does not necessarily mean that it does not directly



affect each and every individual here at Wartburg.

You don't believe me? How many of you have heard the name Paul O'Neill in the news lately? If you haven't, then pick up a newspaper, and no—not the USA Today—I mean a real newspaper.

Former Secretary of Treasury Paul O'Neill spoke out against the Bush Administration, with 19,000 official documents to back him up. According to his 60 Minutes interview and articles in the New York Times, O'Neill claims, among other things, that attacking and occupying Iraq has been the #1 priority on the cabinet's agenda since "10 days after the inauguration—eight months before Sept. 11." (CBS News).

President Bush has claimed that Sept. 11 is what prompted his unilateral, preemptive strike against Iraq.

"But how does this pertain to

Wartburg?" you may ask. This is just more evidence, along with the absence of weapons of mass destruction and the virtual abandonment of the pursuit of Osama bin Laden, that President Bush lied to and deliberately deceived millions of people worldwide, including every student, professor and faculty member at Wartburg College. Remember that when you vote at tonight's caucus and Nov. 4.

Pay attention to the news. Discuss it. Present it in public forums. Believe it or not, it does affect you, and you can make a difference.

Ha! and to think I was going to waste my time writing about politics instead of writing about a topic pertaining to Wartburg College.

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Editorial: Your voice will be heard tonight

Today is the culmination of what has been relative hell for many Iowans. Months of television ads, unstoppable media coverage and eight to nine democratic candidates spouting off lines that promise big things—not that any politician is any different. Then again, it's likely the most attention this state will see in years—and for good reason. Today's caucuses give Iowans a huge influence over their country's election process and the fate of the large pool of democratic candidates vying for presidential power. In past years, the caucus process is one that has provided interesting and fairly influential results for candidates. Even Waverly and Wartburg have seen more attention in the past few weeks than they will likely see in quite a while. With the help of an A&E special which highlighted Waverly with one of the best small-town main street holiday celebrations in the U.S., the town was featured in both

the BBC and Los Angeles Times last week. The Times ran a 1,500 word article on Waverly and its large proportion of independent voters, complete with full-color graphs and a breakdown of the town compared with the nation. Suddenly, this little town of 8,968 people is important to the whole nation. With the addition of 1,700 voting-age college students, it becomes even more important and undecided. Even someone from outside Iowa can appreciate the power the caucuses have. After all, this is state that normally only has the power of six electoral votes.

Tomorrow this whole shenanigan will be over. The candidates, their posse and the media will be in a new state by noon. But tonight all eyes will be on Iowa, a state with 39 percent independent voters. Hopefully this mix of individuals will include a few Wartburg students and voting age young adults as well.

Editorial cartoon

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I'm Steven C. Murray and I approve this cartoon...

Steven C. Murray

Burning Questions?

Editor's note: This is a new section that allows members of the Wartburg community to have their questions about campus answered with reporting help from the Trumpet. Send your question to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

Why isn't the PEC practice schedule posted online?

Gary Grace, director of athletics, said, "If someone can help us post that, we'd be happy to post it." Grace said the two months that are most problematic are February and March because winter and spring sports cross practice times, and rooms are booked.

Can we get more equipment in the cardiovascular (CV) room?

"As far as more equipment, it's pretty full right now," said Gary Grace, director of athletics. "We did get a new treadmill over break and replaced an old one with a better working one. Until we have more space to build better facilities, winter will be a tough time to get on that equipment." Grace said the CV room is busiest from noon through dinner. He suggests working out in the mornings Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

"Everything we're doing right now is essentially a band-aid until we get better facilities." Grace said that better recreational facilities are the next project in line after the union and Science Center, but it will likely be past the enrollment of many of the current students at Wartburg. Last fall, one racquetball court was taken over to double the size of the CV room.

Why are there so many parking vacancies at the end of the term?

According to John Myers III, director of campus security and safety, this year there were about 30 openings at term. The openings happen between terms because of December graduates, students studying abroad, students returning from Wartburg West and those who withdraw from Wartburg. As of this term all seniors who requested a spot received one as did a few juniors. No more spots are available at this time.

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Administration reaches out with forum

By JESSICA NYSTEL
Staff Writer

An open forum Tuesday in the Caf was an attempt to gain student consensus about campus safety and security.

The idea for the event spurred from the two alleged campus sexual assaults in November.

Representatives were available to listen to suggestions and thoughts about safety at Wartburg. Those in attendance included junior Bethany Schnebke, co-president of Sexual Misconduct Assault Resource Team (SMART), senior Cassy Dearborn, Student Senate president, John Myers III, director of campus security and safety, and the Rev. Dr. Ramona Bouzard, director of church relations and associate in campus ministry.

"[We wanted to know] what we—not just I, but students or President Ohle—can do to make Wartburg a better place," said Pete Armstrong, Residential Life director.

Fliers were distributed throughout the Caf encouraging students to discuss relevant issues with the available personnel.

According to Schnebke, the most common student suggestion was for additional lights in parking lots and along paths leading from residence halls to the library. Another idea was for more public telephones for the parking lots and campus buildings.

Myers said the majority of students felt safe at Wartburg and did not think any major changes needed to be made to increase security.

Schnebke said SMART is coordinating self-defense classes later this term as part of assault awareness. Classes will be open to anyone.

Wartburg had one reported sexual assault for the year 2002 and one each for 2001 and 2000. This number is relatively low compared to other area schools. In 2002 Luther reported seven sexual assaults. However, Myers said that

Handbook violations

Alcohol & drug	8
Disorderly conduct	8
Providing false information	1
Theft/vandalism	3
Verbal/physical assault	6
Excessive parking violation	3
Failure to observe sanctions	1
Adverse conduct	2
Sexual harassment	1

Sanctions imposed

Warning	7
Probation	9
Restitution	5
Apology	4
Fined	8
Suspension	2
Assessment/Counseling	4
Restricted access	3

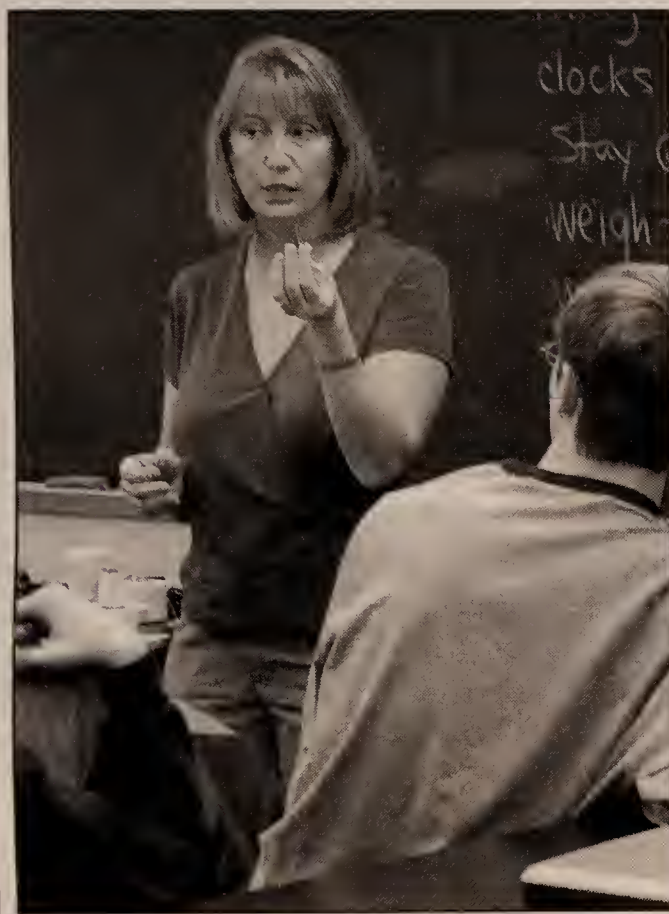
Information based on Fall Term student conduct activity report

at Luther "several of these assaults came out of one [fraternity] party."

No charges have been filed in the November sexual assaults at Wartburg as of Friday.

For more information about campus security statistics, visit the U.S. Department of Education's Web site at www.securityoncampus.org.

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Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

SCIENCE CENTER OPENS—Biology instructor Lynette McGregor teaches scientific methods in the Science Center Friday. Faculty members and their classes moved into the new east wing of the Science Center during Christmas Break and started teaching in the new facility Jan. 6.

Budlong named outstanding adviser

By KATE HUNT
Assistant Sports Editor

Dr. Cheryl Budlong, professor of education and education department chair, was presented with the fourth annual Wartburg College Outstanding Adviser of the Year Award Dec. 1.

The nomination form submitted described Budlong as always anxious to help and willing to call advisees to make sure they are doing well.

It also stated that Budlong is very involved in her advisees' academic planning

and puts students before her personal priorities. She acts more like a "friend" to students and makes sure that they make the most of their Wartburg experience.

Budlong has been at Wartburg since 1985.

Student Senate Academic Policies Committee sponsors this award that was determined by student advisee nominations.

The award was organized to recognize an adviser who shows a personal connection with advisees, helps to shape their advisees' academic planning, maintains good communication with advisees and shows frequent interaction with them.



Dr. Cheryl Budlong

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Web site gets face-lift

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

Wartburg's official college Web site is gradually taking a new look.

Changes in design and content are two of the most obvious modifications.

"The reason for the change basically all has to tie in with what we're trying to do overall with the college," said Chris Knudson, Web developer and manager. "It's how we're marketing ourselves."

"Obviously we're playing up orange quite a bit to play off the 'Be Orange' campaign that we're doing right now."

Findings from the Commission Wartburg research have provided a basis for the planning of the Web site improvements. According to Knudson, studies found more students are using the Web when looking for colleges.

"For Wartburg, our biggest selling point is the personality of the place and the people who are here, so the challenge is how to convey friendliness through technology," Knudson said.

The old Web site design focused on buildings and facilities.

Researchers have found from talking with alumni as well as prospective students and current students that Wartburg is a friendly place. Featuring people and faces is the main focus of

the re-designed site and is an effort to help visitors get more emotionally attached to the college.

Unlike many institutional Web sites, Knudson's goal is to make Wartburg's new site compliant with the American Disabilities Act. For example, if a blind person visits the site, browsers specifically designed for blind people will read photo descriptions, contacts, etc.

Knudson feels that the Web development should be "more proactive than reactive."

"Rather than it [the Web] being an afterthought...I want to try to go out there and say, 'I have some great ideas for how we can integrate what you're doing with print brochures or an event, and make it online,'" Knudson said.

The new site is being built from the bottom up. The front page will be one of the last pages to change. Knudson hopes people will get familiar with the design of the re-done pages, so there will be a smoother transition when the main page switches.

Knudson started in his position in August. The alumni site, the first re-designed site, was released in October. Other pages have gradually been done since then. Everything else, along with the front page re-design, is expected to be complete before this spring.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

DRAMA STUDENTS TO DENVER

Seniors Steve Bubb and Emily Seboldt, junior Ben Brady and sophomore Becca Robinson were nominated for dramatic performances to compete for the Irene Ryan Award. They, along with acting partners junior Adam VanBriesen and freshman Andrew Salvaterra, traveled to Denver, Colo., to compete all week for the award at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

BOOKSTORE POWERBALL

The athletic department and Tower Agency will sponsor a Bookstore Powerball at all women's home basketball games. For more information contact Annie Fox at annie.fox@wartburg.edu or Sarah Krammerer at sarah.krammerer@wartburg.edu.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

A celebration of the Chinese New Year will be in the Caf Thursday, sponsored by the International Club.

NEW HOURS FOR WRITING/READING/SPEAKING LAB

Winter term hours will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

STUDENT PHOTO ESSAYS

Thirteen black-and-white photo essays by students in Dr. Lil Junas' fall photography class are on display until Feb. 9 in the lobby of the Waverly City Hall. People, scenes, schools, businesses and events in the Waverly area are subjects of the essays.

PAVEMENT POUNDERS

Runs will begin from Clinton field Monday through Thursday at 4 p.m. For more information visit www.wartburg.edu/wpp.

ETK APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications for ETK executive positions are available in Founders basement today. Completed applications are due Feb. 6. More information is available at www.wartburg.edu/etk.



Senate looks at honor code, forum

Fall Term forum responses bring change

By KATIE BOWERS
Staff Writer

Many changes have occurred as a result of the recent Student Senate forum. Here are a few questions asked and their answers.

What can be done to change the meal plans and options for sack lunches?

An ad-hoc committee is now reviewing the meal plans. "We have created an ad-hoc committee to fully review the meal plan options as they stand and hope to make some recommendations to the dining services office on how they might offer better, more sensible options that appeal to and work for more students," said senior Jeremy Reichel, Student Senate vice-president.

How are things going to change with housing and the Grossmann expansion, along with Knights Village?

"We have also dedicated a committee to comprehensively reviewing the housing procedures," Reichel said. The way housing will be assigned in the Grossmann addition is one issue. Members also met to decide what to do with residence hall study lounges that are currently converted into rooms. Allowing juniors

to live in Knights Village instead of only seniors was another topic.

Parking on campus is tough. What is going to happen with the parking as more students bring cars?

Parking is a concern when addressing the Grossmann addition. Overall, campus parking seems to grow, and space seems scarce. "The idea of limiting students having cars on campus came up and may end up being a reality some day at Wartburg," Reichel said. "It is not uncommon for some students at other schools to have limitations on vehicles on campus, so please discuss this with your senator, so we can have some feedback."

What can I do with my opinions and ideas now that I missed the forum?

The student forum isn't the only chance for students to express concerns to their senators. Senators can be contacted via e-mail and phone, and students are always welcome at Senate meetings Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Whitehouse Business Center's Buckmaster Room. Senate is planning another student forum during Winter Term.

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Honor code redefined, new dorm discussed

By KATIE BOWERS
Staff Writer

Student Senate meetings Jan. 8 and Jan. 15 covered multiple subjects including housing assignments in Grossmann, Wartburg Honor Code content and upcoming activities of the different campus organizations.

The student relations team decided that a minimum GPA would not be required to live in the Grossmann expansion and existing Grossmann. Suggestions were made that Grossmann housing requests be done with applicants submitting a proposal along with a form of lottery. Student relations will be discussing this further before the next meeting.

The Wartburg Honor Code now reads: "As a matter of personal commitment, students, faculty, and staff of Wartburg College are expected to demonstrate three simple principles: all work submitted should be your own; when using the work or ideas of others, including fellow students, give

full credit through accurate citations; and if you are uncertain about the ground rules on a particular assignment, ask for clarification. All are responsible for abiding by these guidelines and opposing academic dishonesty by reporting any act that goes against these guidelines."

Upcoming activities that students are encouraged to attend are the Iowa Caucuses, one of which will be in the Student Center ballrooms today at 6:30 p.m. Dates will be announced for monthly dialogues regarding safety on campus. A Knight Ski trip is planned for Feb. 20. Sign-up is at the Information Desk.

Student Senate executive applications will be available today.

The next meeting will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday in Buckmaster. Students are welcome and encouraged to come.

Information regarding the Senate budget and funds will be covered in the future.

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2004 senior spotlight: Cassy Dearborn



Fast Facts:

Major: Communication arts: public relations concentration

Hometown: Marion

Favorite Class: communication design

Favorite Memory: Outfly 2003. She was the only student who knew it was coming.

Biggest Influences: Bill Withers and her father

Note to Peers: "I encourage people to come up and get to know me. I would love to get to know them."

Pearl of Wisdom: "Remember that the world and all of its things are material. When you go through the day, invest time in the relationships with people and the bonds you have. When all the material things are gone, it is the people who are important."

By CHRISSY BERLIN
Assistant News Editor

She's the fiery red-haired student body president who embodies what her major is all about in her speeches about Wartburg: a friendly and clear message.

In fact, senior Cassy Dearborn is beyond embodying a busy public relations major; she defines one.

Imagine getting up each morning, working out, doing devotions, going to breakfast, then class, keeping office hours, meeting with the president or the dean, going to choir practice, going to soccer practice, then trying to find time for friends, a boyfriend and homework. It seems like quite a load, but it is all in a day's work for Dearborn.

Through her years on campus, Dearborn has been involved with the Wartburg Choir, Lambda Pi Eta, Tower Agency, Entertainment ToKnight and Student Senate. And, as if those

were not enough, she has also been named an All-Academic soccer player and team co-captain, qualified to be on the Honor Roll four semesters, received the Nobility Award and is currently Wartburg's student body president.

After Dearborn graduates, she wants to find a job as an account executive for an advertising agency through a Christian organization. And, interestingly, she also wants to be a dancer on Broadway or a backup dancer for a Christian artist, if everything goes her way.

Dancing has always been a passion for Dearborn. If she had to do it again, she might have chosen a school where she could have gotten a minor in dance. But she is very glad she was able to be involved in many things here and is especially glad she was able to participate in both soccer and music.

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Dance-a-thon aims high with increased effort

By SARAH GUHL
Staff Writer

The Volunteer Action Center (VAC) will host its fifth annual dance marathon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Feb. 13 in the Student Center ballrooms.

"Our goals are to get as many people there and participating as possible and to raise \$20,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association," said junior Tammy Anderson, event co-supervisor.

MDA helps families and children with muscular dystrophy. Participation in previous years has been low, but coordinators are doing their best to increase those numbers.

"Last year participation was down because of timing, conflicts and no one really knew about it," Anderson said. "We have done all that we can to fix that for this year, and we are really excited about the expected turn-out."

"We have handed out a lot of packets, and we hope that

people are raising money," she added. "We will see on the night of the marathon, but so far we can guess around 300 people might come."

The fundraiser is bolstered by annual participants like Wartburg dance team members. Co-captains senior Lyndsay Polking and junior Emily Crawford have been participating for four and three years, respectively.

"The dance team participates as a group—it's a great way to spend time together outside of practice while helping people in need," Crawford said.

Polking participates for similar reasons.

"It is an activity that we have always done for the dance team," she said. "It is just another way that we can give back to those who need our help, and we get to do it by doing something that we all love and share, and that is dancing!"

For the marathon, Anderson and fellow coordinators sophomores Alaina Goos and Leo Marlowe have a lot of things to prepare for the benefit.

"We are collecting donations from area businesses of

food, money and decorations," Anderson said. "We had to set up a live band, order a dance floor, design T-shirts, hand out packets and most importantly, get people excited for the marathon."

Students are encouraged to sign up to dance, raise money, have fun and win prizes.

"We have all kinds of activities from the Newlywed Game to Singled Out," Goos said. "There will be a DJ, live performances of the Knightlighters Jazz Band, tons of food, an awesome dance floor, lots of door prizes and T-shirts for those who raise at least \$50."

"It is an amazing experience," Polking added. "You are helping so many people and families, and for what? For a night of great fun, great people and of course dancing! Who would want to pass that up?"

Anyone interested in participating can e-mail Anderson at tamara.anderson@wartburg.edu or pick up a fundraising packet at the VAC, located in the lounge of the Residence. The VAC is open daily from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Looking into a crystal ball

Tonight's caucuses will show America which of the democratic candidates fits a heartland state's views.

Illustrations by Kelsey Harrison and Nate Kerl

Current national poll numbers*

Candidate	Percentage	Candidate	Percentage
Kerry	24	Clark	3
Dean	23	Kucinich	2
Gephardt	19	Lieberman	1
Edwards	18	Sharpton	.1
Undecided	10	May not add up to 100 percent due to rounding	

*Poll numbers are from the Reuters/MSNBC/Zogby poll released Sunday morning.

Caucus history makes Iowa hot spot for candidates

Continued from Page 1

The Iowa caucus will serve as the first major election in which the majority of Wartburg students are eligible to take part in. It also will give national media its first chance to record presidential votes.

"People have been waiting for months to count ballots or anything that looks like ballots," Dr. Dani Thomas, professor of political science, said. "The media has been camped out in Des Moines and the Des Moines area."

The primary purpose of tonight's caucus will be to elect delegates to attend the county convention. From the county level delegates are then selected for state and national conventions.

"The news media doesn't give a hoot about the remaining parts of the process; they are only interested in the first stage because it's before the New Hampshire primary," Thomas said.

The caucus procedure in Iowa varies between the two main parties. Republicans select their candidate by voting on a secret ballot after voters briefly state reasons to support a certain candidate. This year George W. Bush will be the only name on the Republican ballot.

For the Democrats the procedure is more complicated. Upon arriving, participants elect people to serve as the caucus chair and secretary. Then voters will be divided into preference groups with supporters of the eight candidates and the undecided voters stationed in separate areas of the room. A candidate preference group must have 15 percent of the ward's registered caucus goers in order to be recognized as a viable group. Voters in nonviable groups will not be counted towards a delegate. They will be given the opportunity to realign and join another candidate forming a viable group. Group votes will be counted around 7:30 p.m. with the delegates distributed proportionately to candidate support. All Waverly delegates will attend the Bremer County Democratic Convention March 13.

Both parties will have the opportunity to approve resolutions to be forwarded to the respective party county platform committee.

Since 1972, the Iowa caucuses have enjoyed first-in-the-nation status. Before then, they were meetings of party loyalists with low turnout and minimal national impact. This changed after the controversial 1968 Democratic Party Convention when the party loyalists chose delegates for Hubert Humphrey over anti-war candidate Eugene McCarthy, despite McCarthy's success in precinct caucuses.

"They [Iowa caucuses] became important because in 1968 the Democratic Party was torn apart by controversies over the Vietnam War. Iowa Governor Harold Hughes was selected to chair a national Democratic Party com-

mission to open the party to people who felt left out of party affairs," political columnist David Yepsen stated, according to DesMoinesRegister.com. "The Democrats adopted a series of rules requiring plenty of notice be given about meetings. To accomplish this and still hold their state convention in June, state Democratic leaders decided to move the Iowa caucus to late January."

From 1972, when Iowa's caucus was moved ahead of the New Hampshire primary, there has never been a candidate from either party finishing worse than third in Iowa to receive a Presidential nomination. However, this year could prove to be an exception to the rule.

"This year could well be different not only because Lieberman and Clark chose to sit out of Iowa. And Clark's been doing well nationally," Thomas said. "According to the polls right now it's a four-way split between Edwards, Gephardt, Dean and Kerry."

Past candidates sparked towards nominations by the Iowa caucus include George McGovern, Jimmy Carter and George Bush Sr.

"The most important case is that of [Jimmy] Carter," Thomas said. "In the national polls Carter was only known by about 3 percent of the country, so he was not a factor. The front-runners in 1976 were Morris Udall and Jimmy Jackson. Carter came to Iowa as a one-term Georgia governor."

In the Iowa caucuses Carter received the most delegates of all the candidates with 27 percent.

"[Carter's finish in Iowa] was enough to put him on the covers of both Time and Newsweek and bolster his fundraising and propel himself to a first-place finish in New Hampshire. The surprise was so great that he became a good alternative to the other candidates, and he was elected 10 months later as the leader of the free world," Thomas said. "Iowa's importance has never been duplicated to that extent by either the Republican side or the Democratic side."

Ahrens believes that students should take advantage of their opportunity to have their voices heard tonight.

"Students need to recognize that their thoughts on issues are every bit as important as the next person. If you haven't decided on a candidate it's still ok to attend and state your positions," Ahrens said.

Thomas agrees.

"There is a lot of mystery surrounding the caucus; a lot of it is undeserved. People think you have to have a lot of knowledge or really be interested in politics," Thomas said. "I think they see artificial barriers. My advice is that it is always trial and error, and you'll never know if it's that difficult of a process until you try it."

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W₅ of caucuses

Who: The registered voters of Iowa come out to choose candidates for the party bid. Direct your attention to page 7 for a brief outline of the candidates.

What: A candidate selection process for each party that begins at the local level and works up towards the state level. It measures the favorability of candidates before one candidate is endorsed at a party convention.

When: At 6:30 p.m. today.

Where: All Republicans will meet in the Waverly-Shell Rock High School. Caucuses are set up for Democrats at St. Elizabeth and Heritage Ballrooms in the Student Center for Ward 3 or at Eichorn Haus in Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community for Ward 5.

More locations at www.iowacaucus.org

Why: Iowa is not a typical state and does not represent the nation at large. However, Iowa has strongly encouraged grassroots participation and holds caucuses before other states. The Iowa caucuses show how candidates are doing but do not necessarily predict the end result.

What is a caucus?

Caucuses may seem confusing to those new to the process. They are a series of meetings to show support for party candidates. Instead of going to the polls and casting a vote, party members attend about 2,000 private meetings across Iowa, hold a debate and declare their preference. Participants also elect delegates to communicate their choice to county party conventions, which themselves choose delegates to do the same at state and then national levels. Critics of the caucus system say it is too laborious because it starts with local meetings and works up through county, state and national levels. Supporters of the caucus system say it encourages grassroots participation, making the average person's voice heard.



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AL — AKA Alek Wipperman represents candidate Al Sharpton during a mock caucus sponsored by the Progressives Tuesday night. Each of the candidates was represented in the event.

Mock caucus, student groups help educate, persuade

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
Staff Writer

With the Iowa caucuses fast approaching, democratic candidates are campaigning across Iowa to rally support to win their parties' nomination as the candidate to run for president. While candidates have been busy, groups on Wartburg College campus are rallying support for their chosen candidates as well as informing students on caucus processes.

Groups like the Wartburg Progressives, Wartburg Democrats, Students for Dean, and Students for Kerry have held events like voter registrations, sponsored guests closely associated with a certain candidate, and offered chances for students to actually meet the candidate over the past few months. With the caucuses nearing, the focus of these groups has become one of preparing for the caucuses and trying to get as many students to attend as possible.

The Wartburg Progressives, led by senior Colin Buzza, held a mock caucus debate on Tuesday.

"We had students represent the nine candidates," said Buzza. "The students researched the candidate they were given, including the candidate's voting history and where the candidate stood on the issues, and presented their candidate in summary to those who attended. The event was moderated by Dr. Dani Thomas, professor of political science, who asked the students where the candidate they represented stood on three major issues, before we opened the event up to discussion. We ended up going for the whole hour and a half we had scheduled for the event."

Students for Kerry, led by freshman Mike Stetzel, have promoted Sen. John Kerry to the Wartburg campus by informing students on where he stands on issues, and helping to organize events when Kerry is in Waverly to give students a chance to meet him. They have also done a lot of work behind the scenes to try and gain support for Kerry.

"We've been sending out mailings

and calling people to let them know where Kerry stands on the issues," Stetzel said.

Students for Dean is another campus group that promotes Gov. Howard Dean to students on campus and in the community. According to the former leader of Students for Dean, senior Laura Hoffman, the group has promoted Dean by registering students to vote "and hosting Congressman Tim Ryan of Ohio. We also were supportive of the larger community campaign by door knocking, making phone calls, collecting food for the local food pantry, and attending Dean rallies at UNI, Crestwood High School in Cresco and Des Moines."

"We have been reaching out to the students as well as the community to encourage them to caucus for Dean," said junior Emily Dieker, who took over as leader of Students for Dean when Hoffman left for Wartburg West this term.

The Wartburg Democrats, led by senior Anna Casteel, have mainly helped out the Bremer County Democrats where they can to prepare for the caucuses. The group has been active since September, finding a location on Wartburg College's campus in order to hold a caucus here.

"We plan on helping out at the caucuses in any way possible, like helping register voters and helping with the counting process," Casteel said.

On the opposing side, the Wartburg Republicans led by sophomore Stacy Tharp, have not done much this year to prepare for this year's caucus.

"This year is mostly a party building year for the Republicans," Tharp said.

However, this hasn't stopped her from sponsoring other students to attend the caucuses.

"The caucus is even something more unique to Iowa which helps give us a bigger voice in national politics," Tharp said. "Iowa's a smaller state and only has seven electoral votes, and the Iowa caucus gives voters a chance to have a larger part in national politics."

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Who's been to Waverly and the 'Burg this fall

Wartburg:

Dennis Kucinich

John Kerry's daughter (Vanessa), stepson (Chris Heinz)

Max Weinberg, entertainer; Scott Wolf, actor; Kelly Scott, *Real World*

Waverly:

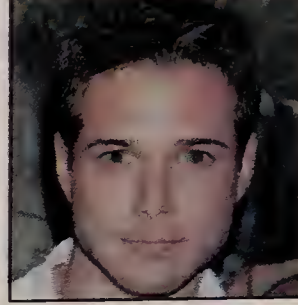
Dick Gephardt (1), John Kerry(2), Dennis Kucinich(1)



Max Weinberg



Kelley Scott



Scott Wolf

Democratic candidates



JOHN KERRY

Health Care: Program focuses on holding down costs, extending coverage to every child, more adults. Federal government covers 75% of catastrophic claims. Prescription drug benefit under Medicare.

Tax Cuts: Would keep some tax cuts focused on the middle class.

War against Iraq: Supported.

www.johnkerry.com

HOWARD DEAN

Health Care: Proposes \$88.3 billion plan to provide health insurance for every American.

Tax Cuts: Would repeal 2003 tax cuts.

War against Iraq: Opposed.

www.deanforamerica.com



RICHARD GEPHARDT

Health Care: Supports universal health care. New tax credits for employers who provide coverage for employees. Medicare buy-in for people 55-64. Reimburse state governments 60% of cost of coverage for employees.

Tax Cuts: Would repeal Bush's tax cuts to pay for universal health care.

War against Iraq: Supported.

www.dickgephardt2004.com

JOHN EDWARDS

Health Care: Wants coverage for every child, targeted help to two-thirds uninsured adults, small businesses and the unemployed. Proposes cost controls to make prescription drugs more affordable.

Tax Cuts: Would delay tax cuts for wealthiest Americans, would make cuts for middle income families permanent.

War against Iraq: Supported.

www.johnedwards2004.com



WESLEY CLARK

Health Care: Hasn't released a comprehensive proposal, but says top priorities are preventative care and extending health care for children.

Tax Cuts: Would repeal Bush's tax cuts for top wage-earners, using the money for a \$100 billion job creation program.

War against Iraq: Opposes Bush's handling of post-war Iraq.

www.clark04.com

DENNIS KUCINICH

Health Care: Supports publicly-financed universal coverage, bulk purchasing of prescription drugs to reduce costs.

Tax Cuts: Would only repeal Bush's tax cuts for top earners. Would keep some other cuts, such as the child tax credit and married couples relief.

War against Iraq: Opposed.

www.kucinich.us



JOSEPH LIEBERMAN

Health Care: \$150 billion 10-year initiative to create an American Center for Cures to quickly bring cures for diseases to the marketplace.

Tax Cuts: Would repeal tax cuts for top earners, keep child tax credit and relief for married couples.

War against Iraq: Supported.

www.joe2004.org

AL SHARPTON

Health Care: Favors a constitutional amendment guaranteeing health care to every American.

Tax Cuts: Would repeal Bush's tax cuts across the board.

War against Iraq: Opposed.

www.sharpton2004.org



Republican candidate



GEORGE W. BUSH

Health Care: Seeking passage of a prescription drug benefit plan for older Americans that would subsidize low-income patients.

Tax Cuts: Initiated temporary tax cuts. Hopes to make them permanent.

War against Iraq: Initiated war against Iraq to find weapons of mass destruction. Several reports Bush claimed for the war were later discredited.

Information compiled by Features Editor Amanda Webb

Student helps lead Kerry campaign

By SARAH GUHL
Staff Writer

Freshman Mike Stetzel is a political activist—and not one that most people would consider typical.

The Iowa caucuses, held tonight across Iowa and locally in the ballrooms, usually attract older members, but Stetzel is an example of the new generation of political activists. He's a student, barely old enough to participate, this will be his first time voting. "I'm kind of pumped about that. I've been ready to get out there and vote."

"I consider myself [a typical activist] in the sense that I am strongly fighting for a candidate and things that need to be fixed," Stetzel said. "I would not be as typical as some because I am a student. People our age should be more involved than anyone else because decisions made today will affect our generation."

Stetzel, who has worked for the John Kerry campaign in Waterloo since this summer, wants students to participate in the caucus, if only for the learning experience.

Another way that he has been contributing to the Kerry campaign has been leading Students for Kerry, a new political group on campus.

Stetzel started the group when he arrived on campus this fall. At the involvement fair he represented Kerry's campaign.

Stetzel currently uses any spare time he has campaigning for Kerry. He is a very visible force for the campaign.

He has set up numerous tables to hand out information about Kerry to students and faculty. He

has gone so far to send out an e-mail to the entire student body to inform them about the candidate, and to motivate them to go to the caucuses which resulted in a warning from ITS about student privacy, but Stetzel is prepared to go the distance for Kerry.

"[The goal] is to get the students involved with the [Kerry] campaign," he said. "For the most part, it's to get students involved on campus. They can really see how their actions fit with politics. Trying to inform people so they can have a broader idea, be... aware of issues, how it affects our generation especially."

Dealing with students whom he is trying to get involved can be both exciting and difficult.

"Most exciting is just talking to people and sharing opinions," Stetzel said. "The hardest thing is people don't realize the huge influence that government has. It's getting people to realize that and do something about it."

Despite this difficulty, he still tries to encourage others to get involved and learn about the political process.

During the caucus, Stetzel will hold an important role as precinct captain in charge of the Kerry supporters. He is responsible for trying to sway those who are undecided or members of preference groups too small to elect their own representative to the Kerry camp.

"The right to vote is the simplest freedom anyone can have," Stetzel said. "It's our duty in the world we live in."

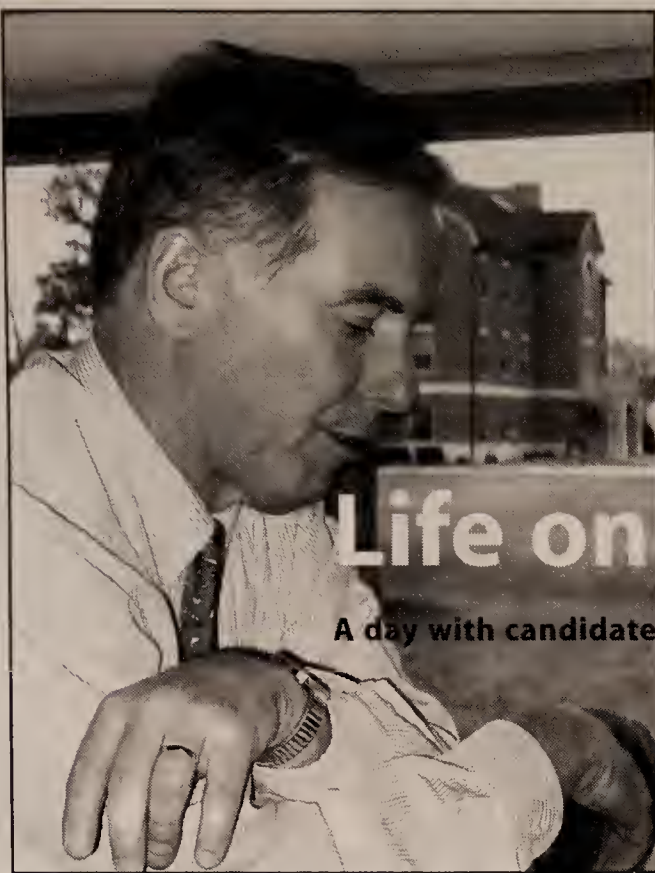
Although Stetzel enjoys discussing his favorite candidate, he is always willing to talk politics with others and discuss different issues and candidates.

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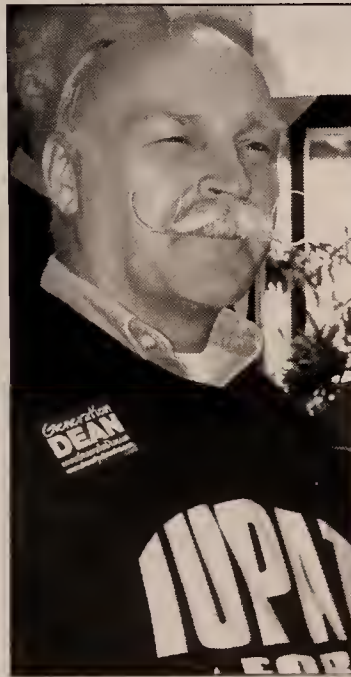
Mike Stetzel



Life on the road

A day with candidate Howard Dean

CHATTING — Gov. Howard Dean talks with reporters from Iowa State University. In the interview Dean was asked about his feelings on the musical group Outkast. He then sang a line from their song "Ms. Jackson".



HANDLEBARS — Larry Grafton was at Coe College Nov. 14 representing the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT). Grafton said the group has about 3,000 members in Iowa and surrounding states. Graft said he will "definitely be at caucus" tonight.



CONFEDERATE — Ben Johnson, a Coe College sophomore, dressed up in a fake wig and held a sign stating "Confederates for Dean." The Californian held a southern accent claiming never to have lived in the South, but sees Dean as "a good candidate for white America." Dean claimed last fall that he would like to "be the candidate for guys with Confederate flags in their pickup trucks." Dean refused to autograph Johnson's sign during the gathering.



DEANY BABIES — Thirty-five students supporting Dean from ages 16 to 22 rode on a charter bus with Dean on Nov. 14. The day highlighted higher education and made stops at the University of Northern Iowa, Coe College and Iowa State University. The students were chosen to represent student supporters from all over Iowa.

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Battle of the Unsigned Artists – Jed Riley and the Forgotten Four: Revisited (above) took the show Saturday night in Neumann Auditorium. The group won People's Choice, Best Cover and First Place. Other winners included runner-up Iradesence for Best Original Song and Wake as the Agents' Choice.

Tickets on sale for "The Fantasticks"

By CHELSEA KROHE
Staff Writer

"The Fantasticks", a Broadway musical, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 in Neumann Auditorium.

Originally a one-act play, "The Fantasticks" was the world's longest running musical when it closed after 42 years in January 2002.

According to Linda Moeller, director of communications and marketing, the plot depicts two fathers who want their children to fall in love. These fathers, who live next door to each other, stage a feud to bring their kids together. The main characters that fall in love are the same age as many Wartburg students, which Moeller

believes will appeal to student viewers.

According to Moeller, the play is funny, romantic and, like most Broadway musicals, fast moving. It also features its trademark song, "Try to Remember."

Admission is free for Wartburg students, and ticket prices for the public range from \$17-\$28.

"The Fantasticks" is the third event of Footlights, the 2003-04 Wartburg College Artist Series. The Artist Series, developed by Wartburg to "provide quality entertainment," according to the Artist Series Web site, has previously featured programs including Second City and Ailey II.

The final Artist Series event will take place March 23, featuring the Peking Acrobats. Moeller hopes Wartburg students will take advantage of the Artist Series programs.

"Both of the programs this term are really excellent," she said.

Moeller encourages students to see the Artist Series events because similar events outside of the college cost a lot of money to view. Wartburg students, however, get the chance to see them free of charge.

"Plus," she added, "you can't beat seeing live performances."

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Welcome Back

Women have strong week

By AARON HAGEN
Sports Writer

Three road games in a week: a tough task for any team, but throw in the conference-leading Simpson team at the end of the week, and the task becomes harder. The Wartburg women's basketball team

was up for the challenge this week, going 2-1 with wins over the University of Dubuque and Central, and a heart-breaking loss to Simpson.

Saturday night's match-up featured two of the top teams in the Iowa Conference with Wartburg (5-1 IAC) traveling to

Indianola to battle Simpson (4-1 IAC). After trailing by six at the half, Wartburg began to pull away in the second half, taking a 10-point lead. But Simpson was able to rally back making five consecutive free throws down the wire to hand Wartburg its second conference loss, 66-63.

"We did some things really well that put ourselves in position to win, but we came up short," Coach Severson said. "We still won two out of three games this week, and we played well this weekend, which is important," she also added.

On Friday the Knights traveled to Central College in Pella. Against Central, senior guard Lisa Rasmusson hit a three-pointer with the score tied and under 10 seconds remaining, giving Wartburg a 69-66 win.

Throughout most of the first half Wartburg and Central battled back and forth, but the Knights took control of the last three minutes and were up seven at halftime. The second half saw more of the same between the two teams. The Knights went up by as many as nine points but saw their lead diminish late in the game. With the game tied at 66, Wartburg had the ball and played for the last shot, setting up Rasmusson's heroics.

Senior Jessica Mennen continued to put up big numbers, tallying 25 points and six rebounds against the Dutch. Junior Amanda Berner had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Knights began their full week Tuesday in Dubuque, coming away with a dominating 97-73 win. Wartburg turned in an impressive shooting performance as it just missed scoring in triple digits. The Knights shot 62 percent from the field.

Mennen led the Wartburg scoring barrage, going 11-15 from the field for 23 points. She also added 10 rebounds. Berner had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

"I think it was a great win for us and we have to keep taking each game one at a time to try and reach our goal of a conference title. Anyone is capable of beating anybody in this conference so you have to be ready to play every time you step on the court," Mennen said of the win.

The Knights are now 9-5 overall and 5-2 in the Iowa Conference. Wartburg will travel to Fayette Tuesday to take on Upper Iowa at 6 p.m. The Knights will battle conference rival Luther College at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Decorah.

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Severson wins 300th game

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Win No. 6 was the magic number. The Wartburg women's basketball team's sixth win this year marked a milestone in head coach Monica Severson's career: her 300th win. This win came two weeks ago when the Wartburg women's basketball team defeated Coe 70-53.

"It's important because she has a lot of experience," sophomore guard Ami Franzen said. "She knows the aspects of the game and what you have to do to win."

The landmark achievement in Coach Severson's career is just a highlight in a long and successful career.

In her 16th year as head coach of the Knights, Severson has enjoyed much success. Wartburg's winningest woman's basketball coach, Severson has had only one losing season, while winning five Iowa Conference Championships.

Coach Severson gives all the credit to her players.

"It isn't something that I have done. It's a reflection of my players over the last 16 years. It shows consistency in the program," she said.

The Knights won the milestone game at home and shot more than 40 percent from the floor. Their tough defense held the Kohawks to 34 percent shooting and 20 turnovers. The Knights also held a 42-35 advantage on the boards and committed nine fewer turnovers.

After starting 4-3 this year, Severson's squad has come back to win five out of the last seven and is currently tied for third in the conference behind Simpson and Buena Vista.

Severson is currently second among active Iowa Conference coaches in career wins and is listed in the top 35 of NCAA Division III in wins and winning percentage.

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COURT VISION – Senior Jessica Mennen looks to find an open teammate Tuesday against Dubuque. Mennen earned her 500th career rebound against Coe on Jan. 9.

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Chasing first

By SEAN KANE
Sports Writer

Wartburg men's basketball team finished a successful week Saturday when it traveled to Indianola to face off against the Simpson Storm.

Wartburg came out in the first half firing on all cylinders. At the half, the Knights were up 47-28 over the Storm by shooting 57 percent from the field. The Knights' defense held strong and continued the trend of being a stingy defensive team.

"It's the best defensive performance we have had in the past two years that I have been here," junior forward Alan Johnson said. "Our defense has helped us win many close games already this season."

In the second half the Knights' shooting slowed down to 25 percent from the field, but they were able to hold off the Storm by a final of 71-68.

Jason Steege led the Knights with 18 points, Nate Schmidt added 15 and Johnson had 12. This win moved Wartburg to second place in the Iowa Conference.

Wartburg made a trip to Pella Friday to face off against the Central Dutch.

The Knights came out in the first half and characteristically shot well from the field. They hit on 52 percent of their field goals and put the Dutch down early with a 32-17 score at halftime.

"Everyone really stepped up this weekend," Johnson said. "All our players really played well and we played great team basketball."

The Knights came out in the second half and topped their first-half performance. They con-

tinued to shoot well, going 69 percent from the field and continued to play great team defense.

The Knights rolled to a 72-37 victory with Schmidt leading the team with 15 points and six rebounds in the victory, and Rance Cartmill added 13 points and two steals.

On Tuesday, the Knights traveled to the University of Dubuque for an Iowa Conference match-up. The Knights had to play catch-up most of the game, as they only shot 34 percent and were down 41-26 at half.

Dubuque shot over 50 percent from the field and was led by Nick Thomas who came off the bench and finished the game with 30 points.

In the second half the Knights, slowly cut into Dubuque's lead.

Wartburg shot an astounding 73 percent from the field and played flawless defense on the other end of the court. The tight defense showed with Dubuque only scoring 24 points in the second half, and only shooting 31 percent from the field.

The Knights were led in scoring by sophomore Jason Steege, who continued his consistent play with 31 points. Rance Cartmill added 19 points and Jordan Atchinson had 10 points.

Wartburg outscored Dubuque 52-24 in the second half to win the game 78-65.

The Knights continue their conference schedule with three consecutive home games: Luther and Upper Iowa Friday and Saturday and the University of Dubuque Tuesday, Jan. 27. Games start at 8 p.m.

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TAKE TWO—Sophomore Jason Steege gets fouled en route to the basket against the University of Dubuque. Steege scored 25 points against the Spartans.

Holiday break proves profitable for sports teams

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Editor

If you thought Wartburg athletics' fifth place standing in the NCAA Division III United States Sports Academy Director's Cup couldn't be improved upon from last fall, you may have to think again. Over the winter break, Wartburg wrestling, along with the men's and women's basketball squads, escaped Iowa and excelled against national competition.

The No. 2 ranked Wartburg wrestlers remained on track towards back-to-back national titles with strong performances in the Desert Duals in Las Vegas, Nev. and the Lone Star Duals in Dallas, Texas, along with road dual wins over No. 6 ranked UW-Steven's Pt. and No. 12 Simpson. The Knights proved to be rude hosts of the Desert Duals as they went 4-0, winning 37 of 40 individual matches.

"I think the Las Vegas tournament was outstanding. We had great competition, and I felt our team wrestled well," head coach Jim Miller said. "We were also able to take in some sights like Hoover Dam; overall it was a great trip."

After the Vegas vacation, the Wartburg wrestlers traveled to Dallas, Texas, for the Lone Star Duals. In Dallas the

Knights tallied wins over NCAA Division II Nebraska-Kearney (33-6), Division I Cal State-Fullerton (23-18) and Bacone College of Oklahoma (49-0). Wartburg's 32-meet winning streak was snapped in the finals as the Knights fell to the two-time defending Division II national champion Central Oklahoma 17-16.

"Dallas was all business for us; we wrestled four times in one day," Miller said. "[Against Cenral Okla.] we learned that every point counts. I told our team that heading into the meet and that's how it ended up turning out."

After the wrestlers' 32-meet dual-win streak was snapped in Dallas, the team returned to Iowa and earned its 80th consecutive Iowa Conference meet win, defeating Simpson 28-3 in front of a record crowd of 1,000 at Simpson College.

"We feel good that they set an indoor record because they came to see their team wrestle us," Miller said. "It's great for wrestling when that many people come to see a meet. It's also fun and exciting for our guys to wrestle in front of that many people, even if it is a hostile crowd."

Wartburg wrestling concluded break action with a convincing 37-4 win over UW-Steven's Point.

On the hard courts, the men's basketball team traveled to Phoenix, Ariz. for the Cactus Jam. The men started the

tournament with a 68-62 overtime win over the northeast region No. 6-ranked Clark, Mass. In the second round of the tournament, the Knights defeated George Fox of Newberg, Ore. 69-66, earning a spot in the championship against Ohio Northern. Against Ohio Northern, the Knights fell 71-61. Wartburg juniors Jordan Atchison and Alan Johnson earned Cactus Jam all-tournament honors.

Returning from the Cactus Jam, Wartburg lost at home to Iowa Conference unbeaten Buena Vista 77-64. The Knights rebounded from their loss to Buena Vista with Conference wins over Coe and Cornell colleges (75-70) and (82-73), respectively.

Unlike the wrestling and men's basketball teams, the women's team headed north over break for a game against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Against UW-Platteville, Wartburg was led with 25 points from junior Amanda Berner, and held on for a 64-61 win. The Knights then returned to Waverly for a three-game conference home stand, highlighted by a 70-53 victory over Coe, giving head coach Monica Severson her 300th career win. The Wartburg women dropped their first conference game to Buena Vista 85-73, before a 71-58 win over Cornell.

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Sweet dual repeat

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Editor

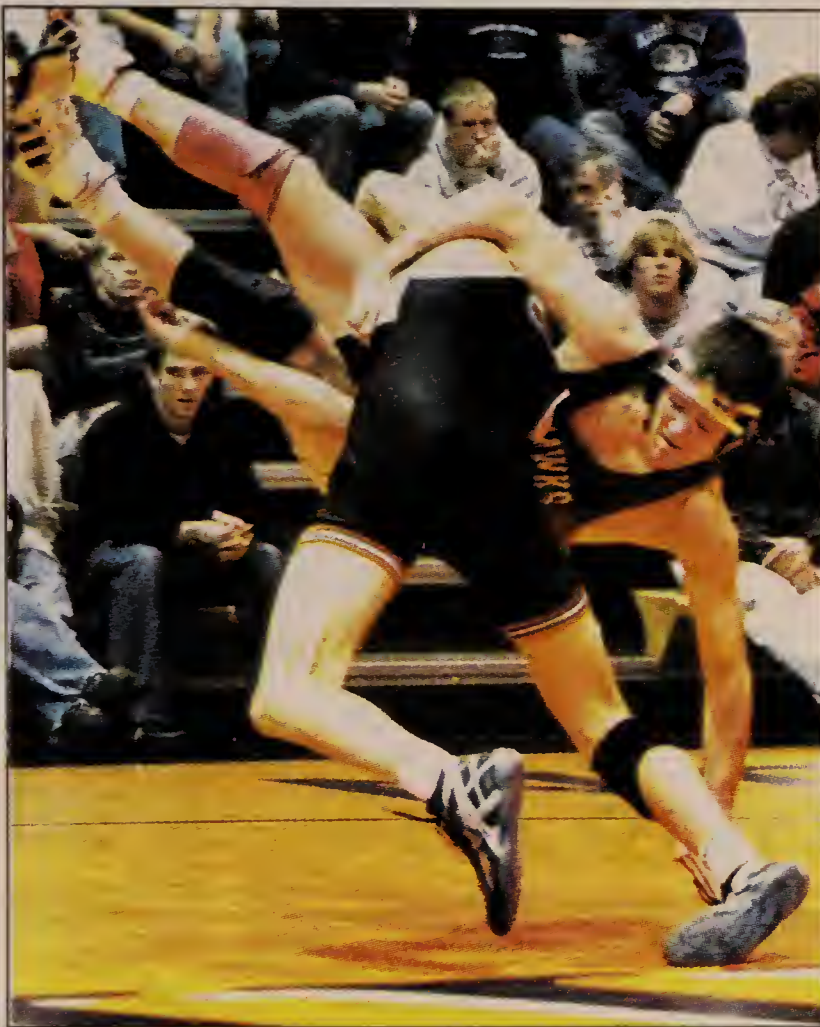
No. 2 ranked Wartburg wrestling earned its second consecutive national duals team championship Sunday with a win over No. 1 ranked rival Augsburg College. In a meet that lived up to the hype, Wartburg came through with a pair of crucial major decision victories from No. 3-ranked junior Ryan Sturm and sophomore Akeem Carter at 184 and 197, respectively, giving the Knights a 20-14 lead. Freshman Blake Gillis was able to stay off his back to secure a 20-17 win.

Against its rival, Wartburg was forced to dig itself out of an early hole as Augsburg took the opening two matches at 125 and 133 with decisions over junior Justin McClintok and No. 1-ranked Ozzie Saxon. The Knights fired back in the next two matches. Defending national champion Will Kelly earned a 2-0 decision over No. 1-ranked Jamall Tidwell of Augsburg, and No. 1-ranked Bart Mehlert pinned his Augsburg opponent. Augsburg won two of the next three matches to set up the exciting finale.

"It was a good deal for both teams," said Wartburg head coach Jim Miller. "Obviously the later weights were important for us."

After winning both the national duals and NCAA national championship last season, Wartburg wrestlers have spent the entire 2003-2004 campaign ranked second nationally to rival Augsburg. Entering this season Augsburg's last win over Wartburg was Jan. 2, 2002. The two teams will face each other again on Friday, Jan. 30 in Knights Gymnasium.

En route to the finals, Wartburg breezed through the nation's other top teams. The Knights defeated King College 50-0 in the opening round meet. In the quarterfinals Wartburg, highlighted with a pin by Mehlert, beat No. 12-ranked College of New



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OVERPOWERED— No. 4-ranked Sophomore Dustin Hinchberger scores a takedown against Coe's Jeff Wiele. Hinchberger pinned Wiele 5:40 into his match.

Jersey. The Knights beat No. 3-ranked Delaware Valley 36-3 in the semifinals.

On Wednesday, Wartburg improved its conference win streak to 81 with a 37-15 home win over No. 22 ranked Coe College. Connell, junior Andrew Knaack and sophomore Ryan Phillips combined to outscore Coe with three pins.

No. 3-ranked junior Ryan Sturm defeated Coe's undefeated No. 8 ranked wrestler with a technical fall.

"Sturm has got the ability to run up some points on you, and he showed that tonight."

The Knights will take a little time to enjoy the weeks accomplishments.

"We are going to enjoy this for a little bit; but there is still a lot of work left for us to do. We have some things we need to do down the road," Miller said.

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Promising season ahead

By BEN CARLSON
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It was only at the very end – after the final runner had crossed the line at the IIAC men's and women's outdoor conference meet – that members of Wartburg's track and field team rushed the field with uncontrollable excitement.

On that day in May they had proven themselves to be the best in the conference. No other team in the conference's history could say that they had swept the indoor and outdoor men's and women's team titles.

For some, winning never or rarely happens. For others, winning accomplishes a goal and becomes an end. For the Wartburg men's and women's track and field teams, winning is only a beginning.

"We want to take that next step and become a trophy team on both the men's and women's side," senior Adam Tjeerdsma said.

This season both teams are setting high goals. The seniors expect to lead the team in search of additional conference titles. The coaching staff, headed by Marcus Newsom, will do everything they can to see those dreams fulfilled.

On the men's side a group of senior sprinters look to improve upon their school record-setting fourth place finish at outdoor nationals. Together with sophomore Josh Hauser, seniors Brent Showalter, Andy Six, Alex Six and Steve Bubb are expected to provide a solid base for the sprinters. On the women's side, senior sprinters Sara Tompkins, Nicole Dougherty, Jennifer Goodall and Holly Dorenkamp are expected to continue their success from the 2002 season. They will be joined by many newcomers as well as returning sprinters.

The distance teams are being led by returning All-American and 2003 national cross country champions,

juniors Josh Moen and Missy Buttry. Moen and Buttry will continue to search for competition as they head into this season. Supporting Moen and Buttry are a number of upper-classmen hoping to meet goals of their own.

The field events are becoming a strong point for the women's team, but the men will need to focus on them. Senior javelin throwers Kelly Foley and Dia Dohlman will attempt to improve upon their placing at the national meet, which garnered them All-American honors. Sophomore jumper Josh Jandrew is part of the young field events crew that is looking to provide points at conference meets.

The upcoming season looks to feature many exceptional performances. Perhaps this year the teams will be able to claim an unprecedented second consecutive sweep.

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Rich Rites
by Richard Podhajsky

Postseason needs change

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Yet another college football season has come to a close, and again the post-season was surrounded by controversy. One cannot enter a conversation about college football without eventually touching on what might have been if the system was different. If only we could find a way to make sure the best teams always played each other.

Oh great, another article criticizing the BCS, you say? No, I won't put you through that pain again. I'm actually talking about the Division III playoff system.

I don't know how many of you have noticed, but as both a player for a playoff-qualifying team and an avid fan of the game, I've witnessed a disturbing trend in the playoff system. Wartburg has won its first-round game, the last two years and had to travel to Linfield (Ore.), a team which is perennially ranked in the top ten. Linfield has won both its games against Wartburg and has gone on to play St. John's (Minn.), another perennial top-ten team.

At this point, I'm sure many of you are thinking to yourselves that playing ranked teams in the playoffs is only obvious. I'll give you that point. Theoretically, the top twenty-eight teams would make the playoffs, thus making almost every team a ranked team. The problem comes when many of the highest ranked teams are stacked into one region.

This problem has never been more evident than in this year's playoffs. According to Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette, of the four regions in the country, the West region featured three of the top four teams in the country. The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) poll, the West had two of the top three and three of the top six teams. The East region also seemed stacked, containing four teams in the top ten.

This does not seem to be even, especially when put against the North region, which contained exactly one team in the top ten, which was Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) at number nine.

The NCAA has to have a reason for doing this. According to page 13 of the rulebook, "[Teams are] seeded using regional criteria and then grouped into competition brackets according to natural geographic proximity," and "flights will be kept to a minimum." There are no problems with these rules in and of themselves, but how they are enacted has become rather ridiculous.

Wartburg has hosted a playoff game each of the last two seasons and has won each, subsequently being sent out to Oregon to play in the second-round game.

The problem is that the two teams Wartburg has played at home have combined to travel one-fourth the distance Wartburg has to get to their road game. This does not seem to follow the rule of "natural geographic proximity."

What is the solution to this problem? For me, the answer seems to be fairly obvious: have a seeded playoff system. The seeding criteria would be solved automatically because the ranked teams would be spread out evenly among the regions.

Satisfying the NCAA's travel policy would require changing a few of the by-laws of the NCAA, but just ask any Wartburg football players if they've had to take any long flights to play a playoff game, and I think they will all answer yes in unison. So believe me, tweaking this rule would not lead to the break-up of the NCAA as we know it. It might even improve a few things.

Just imagine, the third seed wouldn't meet up with another top-four team until the semi-finals, not the second or third round. (In case you forgot, the third-ranked team played two top-four teams before the semis this year.)

However, things rarely get changed in the NCAA, and it's even more rare that things get changed for the better. And it could be worse. We could have the BCS.

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